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PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1901.

THE FLOOD TIME.

The flood in the rivers, which formed the principal local topic yesterday, was remarkable for the rapid rise under circumstances that rendered it rather unlooked for.

Some apprehensions were expressed yesterday that the flood would rival, if it did not exceed, the great flood of 1864.

At present writing it is hoped the water will not reach such a stage as this time, but the difference in the conditions prevailing now and at that time.

The principal danger from the flood lies along the river below us. If the storms have extended along the mountains down as far as West Virginia and Kentucky, so as to swell the streams draining that section as our rivers have been swollen, the down-river towns may suffer something like a repetition of their experiences of 1864.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

This is a good time for the public to take a thought about the drift and scope of the admirable articles which recently appeared in THE DISPATCH.

When he is building his ark indifference was shown by his neighbors, but when the waters came there was an immediate, vital and highly diversified interest in naval architecture.

AN IMAGINARY CASE.

The novel question in ethics is raised by the New York Evening Sun whether a horse dealer who announces that "every animal shall be found as represented," and makes the announcement good, is not offending against the received standards of society.

NOT THE ONLY DELUDED ONE.

A Michigan farmer lately arrived in one of the Eastern cities with a considerable roll of good money which he hoped to exchange for several times as much in green goods.

NEWS OF A DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Oregon to prohibit profane language, and which a Philadelphia contemporary remarks, "rather a strange sort of bill, isn't it?"

DEATHS OF A DAY.

James Duncan. News received in this city, yesterday, of the death of James Duncan, a native of Pittsburgh, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

produce evidence of the existence of the horse dealer who always represents his animals just as they are. When it does so the fortune of that remarkable individual will be made, and thousands of distrustful horse buyers will rise up to call it blessed.

THE CHANCES OF ESCAPE.

A financial journal referring to the way in which the esteemed contemporaries are hunting the distant railroad under the care of Mr. Gould, is reminded of the physician who reported that the mother was dead and the child was dead, but he had strong hopes of being able to save the father, and asks if it is possible for any railroad system in the country to escape.

Mr. Gould first broke into the public field of vision by a forcible entry into the control of a railroad which struggled to escape his grasp with greater or less failure for a number of years. He maintained his hold on the Erie road by employing the printing press to turn out stock certificates for him, and keeping courts in service to issue injunctions against any persons ill-advised enough to interfere.

The latest methods of Mr. Gould's acquisitions have paid a little more outward respect for the forms of law than his early operations in Erie; but they have the same essential characteristics of employing the most effective means for getting hold of other people's property.

Now it is pertinent, as bearing on the question whether any railroad can escape, if he wants it, that Mr. Gould's operations are free from the restrictive influence of limited funds, which was his only obstacle in the days of Erie.

The motives of Queen Victoria in calling for a full statement regarding the gambling scandal are not known. Whether she is moved by the desire to see the truth, or whether she is not clear, but the latter motive is probably the correct one.

JUDGE W. W. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, is not pleased with the attitude of the Pennsylvania Senators, and says so for publication. Some years ago the people of Judge Lawrence's district exhibited a similar distasteful conduct.

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Eastern contemporaries might point out the working of this green goods game to advantage, and tell the people what infuriated laments they are to be taken in by it, but we have failed to observe that class of comment in the New York, Philadelphia or Boston press.

JUSTICE AND THE BARBER.

Chief Justice Paxson's opinion affirming the decision of the Quarter Sessions Court of Philadelphia in the case of the Commonwealth against Barber William R. Waldman leaves the subject of Sunday shaving in much the same condition as it was before the appeal to the Supreme Court.

DR. MAGER, the new Archbishop of York, is the first Irishman to hold the dignity of Primate of England.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD died nearly ten years ago, and his devoted widow still wears mourning as deep as that she assumed on the day of his funeral.

AUGUSTUS S. GANDERS, the New York senator, has been engaged in an advisory capacity by the directors of the World's Fair, in connection with the distribution of ornamental sculpture.

DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, at 86, says that even if the figures standing for his age were reversed they would make him too old for his feelings—and the adage says that "a man is no older than he feels."

LADY LONDONPERRY, wife of the ex-Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is awarded a high place among English beauties, though her face is said to lack expression.

THE historical writer, Mrs. Martha J. Lamb, seems to be honored above all other American women. She is a member of 25 baronial and other literary societies here and abroad, and has correspondence with the world of letters and learning is very extensive.

CECIL RHODES, whose wealth reaches \$2,000,000, is just now the social lion in London. He is interested in South African development and has been successful in his negotiations with the British Government.

SHERMAN'S life during his campaign was a model of the ideal of a statesman. He was a man of the morning till late at night was out of bed, much of the time in the saddle.

GENERAL JOHN S. PILLSBURY, of Minnesota, is present to Sutter, N. H., his native place, a brick townhouse in the city of New York, which he has purchased for a public library, the river furnishing a supply of books for a foundation.

HON. JERE SIMPSON is in Washington. He watches Congress from the public galleries instead of availing himself of his privilege to be on the floor, and expresses disappointment at the slow pace of the legislation.

ADAM PORTER'S FUNERAL. Thousands of Marines and Soldiers take part in the Parade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The funeral ceremony of Admiral Porter, late of the U. S. Navy, took place this afternoon at his residence in this city.

JUDGING FROM the slick robberies in London, some of the W. H. Wesslers must have been left behind by Buffalo Bill.

THE shells of the ocean in war-time are found on board men-of-war.

IF women interpreted the blue laws they would declare shaving to be a necessity.

A PIER glass—the drink taken in the saloon on the dock.

FORMAL receptions are tendered by the masters to art students who study the nude.

THE flying machine inventors cannot be called upstarts, at all events.

THE granger statesman should be expert in the fence fixing business.

VICTORIA proposes to take a hand in that little game of cards which has stirred up London. She will open a "jack pot" with one Queen.

STANDING BEAR has brought back a German bride who would him with pies. He is going West to start a brewery.

THAT promised cold wave was undoubtedly drowned out.

THE deaf can enjoy the modern drama better than the blind.

THE fellow who angled for gold fish in the silver pool caught ensue.

IF the hens could go on strike now Lent would be a costly luxury.

CHILDREN who play hockey in their early school days usually graduate as football players at college.

WHEN the girl settles her head on your breast it's time to begin planning the home nest.

WANAMAKER should investigate the Albany post office and settle the Hill-Watson letter controversy.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. WESTINGHOUSE undoubtedly depends on the East to raise his "tough."

RUTHLESS and treacherous are the forces of nature. The rain falls and the day flies like a hawk, and the city-crushing, tearing, twisting, drowning. The tough work of strong arms and skillful hands is crushed without apparent effort by the water giant, who presses on unobserved, unchecked, unbruted. What a waste of strength in speechless wonder and look upon the rush and the rain of the flood.

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